



1994

Cross Community Coalition

Denver, CO

Award Amount: \$9,996

The Cross Community Coalition will implement an educational program to inform community residents of the environmental hazards facing the community from local polluting facilities and the resources available to address these dangers.

1995

Cross Community Coalition

Denver, CO

Award Amount: \$19,974

The Colorado People's Environmental and Economic Network (COPEEN) proposes to bring together community-based grassroots people of color groups to work in partnership to address environmental justice issues. Goals include improving coordination, communication, and information exchange, providing skill training developing and establishing statewide projects in partnership, and developing and establishing an education and training center to serve as a repository for written and audiovisual material.

1996

Cross Community Coalition (COPEEN)

Denver, CO

Award Amount: \$19,820

The Cross Community Coalition is applying for this EJ grant as the umbrella agency for the Colorado Peoples's Environmental and Economic Network (COPEEN). COPEEN's goal is to bring together community-based grassroots people of color to build partnerships to address environmental justice issues, and to improve coordination, communication, and information exchange. This year's proposal consists of two components: (1) to update and expand the 1990 Citizen Action study: "Poisons in Our Neighborhoods: Toxic Pollution in Colorado". The project plans to use the Toxic Release Inventory (TRI) data to summarize the amounts of toxic chemicals that are released into communities in Colorado; and (2) to continue the printing and distribution of the quarterly newsletter, the COPEEN News, to over 350 groups and individuals.

1997

Cross Community Coalition (COPEEN)

Denver, CO

Award Amount: \$19,920

The Cross Community Coalition is receiving this EJ grant as the umbrella agency for the Colorado Peoples' Environmental and Economic Network (COPEEN). COPEEN's goal is to bring together community-based grassroots people of color groups in the north Denver I-70

corridor communities of Elyria, Swansea, Globeville, and North Park Hill to build partnerships to address environmental justice issues, improve coordination, communication, and information exchange. This will be accomplished through the quarterly COPEEN News newsletter, community discussions and dissemination of environmental information.

National Association of Black Environmentalists (NABE)
Denver, CO
Award Amount: \$20,000

The National Association of Black Environmentalists (NABE) is local 501c(3) academic, scholarship, and mentoring organization dedicated too attracting minority and disadvantaged youth into environmental careers in the Denver, Colorado area. Established in metropolitan-Denver public schools in September, 1994, NABE has cultivated a loyal core of students who have benefited from program-administered tutoring, mentoring, field experiences, career and research-skills training. This project will incorporate sociological treatment of environmental injustice into the academic program; incorporate an air-quality component to test ambient air into the physical science component of the program; intensify outreach to prospective NABE students; expand internship capabilities for the program, and define and concentrate on programmatic needs for students by establishing partnerships.

Northeast Denver Housing Center
Denver, CO
Award Amount: \$20,000

Provide environmental education for low income inner-city residents through Denver's Environmental Education Initiative. NDHC will develop a program that educates residents about their environment. This project will be a model that brings the community, private and public sector together to learn from each other and to formulate sustainable solutions through workshops and community events.

1998
Earth Force
Denver, CO
Award Amount: \$20,000

Front Range Earth Force is one of four national demonstration sites launched in May of 1997 by Earth Force, a national youth-driven nonprofit organization based in Alexandria, Virginia. Front Range Earth Force supports the Community Action and Problem Solving (CAPS) Program, which provides middle school youth opportunities to strengthen their environmental and civic knowledge, attitudes and skills by addressing environmental problems in their communities. This grant will partially support CAPS projects in ten low-income, minority communities in the Denver metro area and will provide 45 educators with a background in environmental justice and concerns that exist in these target communities.

Mi Casa Resource Center for Women
Denver, CO
Award Amount: \$20,000

Mi Casa was founded in 1976 to provide quality employment and education services that promote economic independence for low-income, predominantly Latina women and youth. The population served by Mi Casa is both minority and low-income, and may be exposed to higher levels of toxic pollutants in their environment. The grant will be used to expand Mi Casa's focus. The enhanced program will continue to emphasize personal and career development, but also stimulate community involvement and leadership development specifically around environmental issues. The young women who will participate in the program will research and present information to their communities and will create action plans for the environmental issues they identify.

1998
Northeast Metro Pollution Prevention Alliance
Denver, CO
Award Amount: \$91,000

The EJ Program competed nationally for funds under the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act earmarked by Congress for EJ demonstration projects. Once funds were awarded, the EJ Program solicited proposals and awarded a cooperative agreement to the Northeast Metro Pollution Prevention Alliance. The overall goal of this project is to reduce the pollutant burden in the northeast Denver metro area. This will involve organizing outreach and education efforts, stakeholder meetings which would include community members, training on compliance issues and pollution prevention techniques through workshops and direct technical assistance to small businesses in the region. The project will assist small businesses within this EJ community to understand how to comply with federal, state and local regulations. The goal will be accomplished via a four phase approach: assessment, planning, implementation, and evaluation. The goal is to not only achieve regulatory compliance, but to reduce the pollution burden in the area.

1995
Denver Urban Gardens
Denver, CO
Award Amount: \$25,000

This pollution prevention demonstration project will help 11 environmental justice communities in Denver identify and restore polluted parcels of land to community gardens.

Tri-County Health Department
(Adams, Arapahoe and Douglas Counties)

Englewood, CO

Award Amount: \$30,000

This project will initiate a comprehensive air quality program to reduce toxic pollutants from small service businesses that emit regulated air pollutants, such as vehicle and equipment maintenance facilities, print shops, dry cleaners and others. The project will work closely with these businesses to provide education and technical assistance on proven methods for reducing and/or preventing VOC emissions into ambient air.

1996

Northeast Denver Housing Center

Denver, CO

Award Amount: \$250,000

This project will add energy efficiency and sustainable design principles to a new low-income project in Denver Colorado, and to develop and administer a pollution prevention training and employment program for Environmental Justice target groups in conjunction with this project. The target groups for this project are occupants of low-income housing including minorities and Native American Indians, low-income and minority communities surrounding power plants and industrial areas, and the workers and trainees participating in the construction of this housing project.

The Northeast Denver Housing Center (NDHC) is a non-profit agency that provides affordable housing, family assistance, support services and neighborhood economic development for minority communities in the city of Denver. NDHC was among 25 community-based organizations to receive HUD's National Excellence Award. The award recognized model programs that address an array of urban issues, including affordable housing, poverty, job creation and environmental renewal.

1997

National Association of Black Environmentalists (NABE)

Denver, CO

Award Amount: \$100,000

The Sustainable, Environmentally-Robust Urban Community Project (SERUC) will introduce pollution prevention, as well as water and energy conservation

sensitivity and practices to the residents of Denver's Northeast Park Hill community. In this seven square mile, high density area, the income levels are low and the community is overwhelmingly minority. Youth employment is a primary goal of this project. Youth, businesses and families will learn about and address environment related threats to their health and the quality of their lives through environmental information, activities and services related to soil and water quality, indoor and outdoor air quality, toxic materials assessment and abatement, alternative raw materials and technologies, point source pollution and non-threatening conflict resolution.

1997

Cross Community Coalition

Denver, CO

Award Amount: \$88,510

This pollution prevention project builds off of recent work done by Colorado People's Environmental and Economic Network's (COPEEN) recent work producing the report, "Poisons in Our Neighborhoods Update 1997." This North Denver EJ through P2 Campaign will be based in the North Denver communities of Elyria, Swansea, and Globeville, and will focus on educating and empowering youth.

For each year of the two-year grant 10-12 youth from these neighborhoods will be recruited for the P2 Youth Corps. Supervised and trained by a P2 Coordinator, the Youth Corps will participate in the following three components: (1) Youth education campaign. This initial step will educate the P2 Youth Corps about environmental justice issues in their neighborhoods, and P2 strategies to develop local solutions to these injustices; (2) Community education campaign. The youth will take what they have learned and enhance the community understanding of P2 environmental and public health data by creating and disseminating bilingual fact sheets, increasing environmental awareness for neighborhood children, and hosting workshops for grassroots community people and small business owners; (3) P2 action steps. The action steps will include reducing household exposure to and use of pollutant chemicals, and reduce pollutants in storm drain runoff.

This project will increase the youths' capacity to become agents for positive social change and also enhance the long-term environmental health and safety of these communities.

Stapleton Development Corporation

Denver, CO

Award Amount: \$15,778

Provide opportunities to economically-disadvantaged and ethnically-diverse youth, ages 15-24, to learn about environmental issues by working on environmental work

projects along Sand Creek, thereby advancing environmental justice. This program will enable youth to obtain meaningful employment experience, job and life skills training, and much-needed income while providing valuable information about the environmental issues affecting the northeast Denver metro community.